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Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

## Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

April 30, 2014 Minutes

### **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the First Things First Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on April 30, 2014 at the Family Resource Center, 817 North Country Club Drive, Mesa, Arizona 85201.

Chair Sallquist called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Appreciation for the Grantees that were present was noted. The new Southeast Maricopa Regional Director, Cynthia Melde was introduced. Regional Director Melde gave an overview of her background and work experience.

### **Members Present**

Chair Julie Sallquist, Christine Scarpati, Sherreis Moreland, Detza Van Bogaert. Dee Tamminen and Anna David joined the meeting by telephone.

### **Members Absent**

Vice Chair Jack Dillenberg, David Wade, Maggie Pfaffenberger and Erica Alexander

### **Members of the Public**

There were seven members of the public present.

### **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2014**

Member Scarpati motioned to accept the minutes of March 25, 2014. Member Van Bogaert seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

### **Call to the Public**

There was no call to the public.

### **Budget Setting and Fiscal Policy**

Northwest Regional Director Christi Lyons discussed the budget setting and fiscal policy in the absence of Senior Director Wendy Sabatini. Regional Director Lyons gave the Council details of the three options for fiscal policy recommendations that were considered by the Committee of the Board.

Feedback is being solicited at the Regional Council's Chair and Vice Chair forum on May 1, 2014. Member Anna David will attend the forum as the Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council's representative.

The Board will discuss the fiscal policy at their June 2014 meeting.

### **FY2014 Contract Renewals**

Regional Director Melde led the Council in a review of the contract renewal considerations and pointed out any changes from the previous year. The Council tabled four of the contract renewals for home visitation because one Member had a conflict of interest which resulted in lack of quorum. A meeting will be scheduled for the near future for discussion and possible action.

Member Scarpati motioned to approve the renewal of the Association for Supportive Child Care contract, contract #FTF-RC011-14-0460-01 addressing the regional strategy Family, Friend and Neighbor, for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$90,000. Member Moreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Member Moreland motioned to approve the renewal of the Southwest Institute for Families and Children contract, contract #FTF-RC011-14-0470-02 addressing the regional strategy Director Mentoring, for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$159,004. Member Scarpati seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



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Member Van Bogaert motioned to approve the renewal of the American Academy of Pediatrics contract, contract #FTF-MULTI-14-0467-02 addressing the regional strategy Care Coordination, for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$239,999. Member Scarpati seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Member Scarpati moved to approve the renewal of the Dignity Health contract, contract #FTF-MULTI-13-0364-01-Y2 addressing the regional strategy Oral Health, for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$288,101. Member Van Bogaert seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Member Moreland motioned to approve the renewal of the Lutheran Social Services contract, contract #FTF-RC011-13-0373-01-Y2 addressing the regional strategy Family Resource Center, for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$500,000. Member Van Bogaert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Member Van Bogaert motioned to approve the renewal of the United Food Bank contract, contract #GRA-RC011-14-0617-01 addressing the regional strategy Food Security, for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$70,000. Member Moreland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Member Scarpati motioned to approve the renewal of the Arizona Children's Association contract, contract #FTF-MULTI-13-0360-09-Y2 addressing the regional strategy Parent Education Community-Based Training, for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$486,852. Member Van Bogaert seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

## **Benchmark Committee Recommendations**

Chair Sallquist reminded the Council about the Benchmark for Indicator #10. This benchmark was set for 50% of families competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well-being by 2020. She then put the benchmark to a vote.

Member Moreland motioned to approve the recommendations of the benchmark committee for Indicator #10: 50% Families Competent and Confident about Their Ability to Support Their Child's Safety, Health and Well-Being by 2020. Member Scarpati seconded and it was passed unanimously.

## **Conversations with Health and Early Learning Grantees**

Regional Director Melde moderated the discussions with the Grantees. She asked that they give a description of their program and discuss the successes as well as the barriers they encounter.

Megan Miks, from Dignity Health, gave the Council myths and facts about dental health. She stated the main goals were educating parents through programs and partners.

Cathy Otto, from Southwest Institute, Director Mentoring, stated that meeting with educators is challenging due to everyone's busy schedule. The program works with educators and teachers to help their centers prepare for the First Things First Quality First ratings.

Rebecca Nevedale, from Arizona Chapter of Academy of Pediatrics, provides medical home care coordination. They have 4 practices soon to be 5. They are building a database with medical doctors to expand the care they can provide.

John Cregg, from TEACH, shared that the organization has 84 active TEACH contracts from the Southeast Maricopa Region as well as 11 Child Development Associate graduates, 1 associate graduate, and 1 bachelor graduate. He informed the Council of what the program funds and that they partner with the REWARD\$ program.



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Claudia Ortiz Vazquez, from Association for Supportive Child Care, indicated one of their main goals is training in safety. They will hold a Health and Safety Conference at the Biltmore Resort on May 17, 2014.

## **Community Awareness Budget Proposal and Outreach Report**

Community Outreach Coordinator John Taylor discussed the \$40,000 from the Southeast Maricopa Region for the fiscal year 2015 Community Awareness budget. He explained the changes from last year. The Council put the budget to a vote.

Member Moreland motioned to approve the Community Awareness budget for \$40,000. Member Scarpati seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Coordinator Taylor talked about the partnership with Upper Iowa University. He also reported about a Resource Fair.

## **Regional Director's Updates**

Regional Director Melde told the Council that they would be voting for the new Chair and Vice Chair during the May Council meeting. In June, there will be a celebration for the Council members that are completing their service term and will not be returning. She announced that the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of First Things First is Sam Leyvas.

## **Council Member Updates**

There were no Council member updates.

## **Adjournment: Next Meeting will be on May 27, 2014.**

Chair Sallquist adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

**Approved by:**

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**Patty Morris, Administrative Assistant II**

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**Julie Sallquist, Regional Council Chair**